

# What If You Knew

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New tune & Arrangement: Ros Brown, Yvonne Deng, Morag Carmichael (Raised Voices)

With movement

Soprano  
Alto

S/A:1. If you knew the earth was dy - ing, if they

Tenor/  
Bass  
(octave below)

Knew earth dy - ing,

2

S  
A

said this on the news. If they would cla - ri - fy the pic - ture in - stead of

T/B

on the news would cla - ri - fy, not

4

S  
A

see - king to con - fuse. If you could see the ice caps mel - ting, if you could

T/B

seek con - fuse. See ice caps mel - ting,

6

S  
A

watch the o - ceans rise. If you could see the con - se - quen - ces,

T/B

watch o - ceans rise, see con - se - quen - ces

8

S  
A

right be - fore your eyes. If you knew the kids were dy - ing, if you could

T/B

right be - fore your eyes. Knew kids dy - ing,

10

S  
A

look in - side the ri - ver where their food comes from,

T/B

look in - side where their food comes from,

12

S  
A

filled with cy - a - nide. If <sup>3</sup>you could

T/B

filled with cy - a - nide. \_\_\_\_\_

13

S  
A

hear the pa - rents plea - ding, if they were

T/B

Pa - rents plea - ding,

14

S  
A

look - ing right at you. If you could see the an - guish in their hearts.

T/B

look at you, See an - guish in their hearts.

16

S  
A

What if you knew? S/A: 2. If you

T/B

What if you knew? What if you knew?

Verse 2

18

S  
A

knew what they were say - ing when they think you can - not hear, if you

T/B

What they say when you can't hear, and

20

S  
A

un - der stood what they do, if for you it was so clear. If you

T/B

if for you, it was so clear.

22

S  
A

knew they shut down fac - t'ries in an e - co - no - mic ruse. If you could

T/B

They shut down fac - t'ries, e - co - no - mic ruse. could

24

S  
A

kiss the cheek of the child in the

T/B

kiss the child

25

S  
A

sweat - shop that made your shoes. If ev' - ry

T/B

who made your shoes.

26

S  
A

time we went to war to fight our e - vil foes, they told you we were

T/B

Go to war to fight foes we were

28

S  
A

rea - lly fight - ing for the good of C - E - Os. If you felt the

T/B

rea - lly fight - ing for the good of C - E - O - Os.

30

S  
A

hun - ger of the ma - ny, saw the rich - es of the few. If they

T/B

Hun - ger ma - ny, rich are few. If they

32

S  
A

told it like it is. What if you knew? Verse 3: You

T/B

told it like it is. What if you knew? What if you knew?

3. If you

35

S  
A

knew bombs fal - ling,

T/B

knew the bombs were fal - ling, if they

Knew bombs fal - ling,

36 hit the ground. Bo - dies fly,  
 S A showed them hit the ground. If you could see the bo - dies fly - ing. If  
 T/B hit the ground. Bo - dies fly, could

38 hear the sound. See the rub - ble where  
 S A you could hear the sound. If you could see the rub - ble where the  
 T/B hear the sound. See the rub - ble where

40 hos - pi - tal stood. Life - less limbs  
 S A hos - pi - tal once stood. If you saw the chi - ild's life - less limbs, would you  
 T/B hos - pi - tal stood. The life - less limbs,

42 hold if could?  
 S A hold them if you could? If you knew that they were ly - ing e - v'ry  
 T/B hold them if you could? Knew they're ly - ing

44 time they spoke, for e - v'ry la - ser gui - ded pin - prick, there were  
 S A time they spoke, la - ser gui - ded pin - prick, there were  
 T/B time they spoke, la - ser gui - ded pin - prick, there were

46  
S A  
lives lost in the smoke. If in - stead of just the gen - 'rals,  
T/B  
lives lost in the smo - ke. Not just gen - 'rals,

48  
S A  
they had doc - tors too, to de - scribe the car - nage of the clus - ter - bombs.  
T/B  
doc - tors, too, car - nage of clus - ter - bombs.

50  
S A  
What if you knew? S/A: 4. If you  
T/B  
What if you knew? What if you knew?

52  
S A  
knew that you were li - ving in a huge con - spi - ra - cy. Would you  
T/B  
knew that you were li - ving in a huge con - spi - ra - cy. Would you

54  
S A  
leave your su - burbs. Get out of your S - U - V? Would you  
T/B  
leave your su - burbs. Get out of your S - U - V? Would you

56  
S A  
hit the streets and fight for all our lives, would you  
T/B  
hit the streets and fight for all our lives, would you

58

S A hold your ground when the storm-troop - ers arr - ive? If you

T/B

60

S A knew that the whole world de-pends on what you do now, would you

T/B

62

S A take com - mand, with the speed our times al - low? If the

T/B

64

S A pun - dits told the truth for just a week or two, and

T/B

66

S A if T - V showed real life. What if you knew? What you knew? slow down

T/B

69

S A sweat - shop that made your shoes. If e - vry

T/B

70

S A sweat - shop your shoes. If e - vry

T/B